

# Sample Hazardous Materials Infection Control Policy

Hazardous Materials Incidents encompass a wide variety of potential situations including fires, spills, transportation accidents, chemical reactions, explosions and other similar events. Every field incident, every emergency response presents the potential for exposure to hazardous materials. With the new materials coming on the market and the standard hazardous materials used in manufacturing, industry and agriculture it is important that every emergency medical technician (EMT) have a minimum of Awareness Level Hazardous Materials Training.

The (Name of Service) will conduct an Awareness Level Hazardous Materials and Infection Control review at the (Year and Month) (*The training will be conducted once a year, once every two years, or once every three years.*) meeting. The review will include the following:

1. The establishment of the command system at the scene of a hazardous materials event.
2. How to determine if there is a hazardous materials event.
3. A review of personnel safety precautions at the scene.
4. A review of placards, shipping papers and manufacturer labels and container markings.
5. A review of CHEMTREC and/or other hazardous materials centers as a source of information.
6. A review of biological, chemical or radiological hazards that our rescue workers may encounter.
7. A review of the (Service Name) Infection Control Plan
8. A review of the procedure for receiving medical testing and for filling out the Significant Exposure Report following an exposure.
9. A review of field decontamination procedures.

---

Physician Medical Director's Signature

---

Date

---

EMS Officer's Signature

---

Date